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GOVERNOR ISSUES STATEMENTS ON DEATHS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL



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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATHS OF TWO TWENTYNINE PALMS MARINES

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the deaths of Cpl. Adrian Robles of Scottsbluff, NE and Lance Cpl. San Sim of Santa Ana:

"Corporal Adrian Robles and Lance Corporal San Sim served our country with honor, loyalty and an unrelenting commitment to protecting our freedoms. They were extraordinary patriots and will be remembered forever by the people of California. Maria and I extend our thoughts and prayers to their families and friends during this difficult time."

Robles, 21, and Sim, 23, died Oct. 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Robles was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps, Twenty-nine Palms, CA. Sim was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, U.S. Marine Corps, Twenty-nine Palms, CA.

In honor of Cpl. Robles and Lance Cpl. Sim, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



10/23/2008

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Stacy A. Dryden of North Canton, OH:

"Lance Corporal Stacy Dryden was a brave Marine who dedicated her life to the preservation of our nation's freedom. She loyally served her country with pride and honor and her sacrifice will not be forgotten. On behalf of all Californians, Maria and I offer our prayers and condolences to Stacy's family and friends as they mourn this terrible loss."

Dryden, 22, died Oct. 19 from injuries sustained in a non-hostile incident in Anbar province, Iraq. She was assigned to 1st Supply Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, U.S. Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA. The incident is under investigation.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Dryden, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



10/20/2008

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF SAN DIEGO SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Federico G. Borjas of San Diego:

"Maria and I join all Californians in expressing our sadness over the loss of Sergeant Borjas. He served his country with dedication and honor, and his courage while answering the call of duty is an inspiration to us all. We send our deepest sympathies to Federico's family and friends during this difficult time."

Borjas, 33, died Oct. 16 in Bermel District Center, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from small arms fire during a dismounted patrol. Borjas was assigned to 416th Civil Affairs Battalion, 351st Civil Affairs Command, U.S. Army, San Diego, CA.

In honor of Sgt. Borjas, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



10/15/2008

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF SACRAMENTO SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Michael K. Clark of Sacramento, CA:

"Sergeant Michael Clark was a courageous soldier who sacrificed his life in defense of our nation's freedom. His dedication and service to our country is an inspiration to us all and he will forever be remembered. Maria and I join all Californians in offering our prayers and sympathies to Michael's family and friends during this difficult time."

Clark, 24, died October 7 in Mosul, Iraq of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire while on dismounted patrol. Clark was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, U.S. Army, Fort Carson, CO.

In honor of Sgt. Clark, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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